

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

Tuesday March 13, 2001
MAG Offices, Saguaro Conference Room
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Grant Anderson, Glendale, Chairman
Andrew Smith, ADOT
Jim Badowich, Avondale
Lloyd Page, Chandler
Shane Dilley, Gila Bend
*Bruce Ward, Gilbert
Charles Hydeman, Goodyear
*Thomas Morales, Guadalupe
*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park
Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
Kevin Wallace, Mesa

*Glenn Cornwell, Paradise Valley
Don Herp, Phoenix
Burton Charron, Peoria
*Bob Ronzo, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Indian Community
Aaron Iverson, Scottsdale
*Brian Pirooz, Surprise
*Larry Shobe, Tempe
Manual Dominguez for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
*Jesse Mendez, Youngtown

* Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Mark Catchpole, ADOT
Tamara Clarke, ADOT
Bill Snarr, ADOT
Janet Martin, Queen Creek

Dawn Coomer, MAG
Steve Tate, MAG
Paul Ward, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grant Anderson at 1:41 p.m.

2. Approval of the February 13, 2001 Meeting Minutes

The February 13, 2001 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Audience and Stakeholders

No members of the public were present to address the Committee.

4. Transportation Programming Report

Paul Ward gave a brief report. He noted that MAG staff is revamping the programming process to provide technical committees with more time to review projects, to make the Management Systems Report more relevant for programming purposes and to update the CMAQ and CMS rating systems to incorporate new information and policies.

He went on to report on the development of the FY 2002-2006 Draft MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He indicated that the Draft TIP would be presented to the Management Committee on March 14, 2001 and would probably be submitted to the Regional Council on March 28, 2001 for approval to perform an air quality conformity analysis. The addition or modification of regionally significant projects for inclusion in the Draft TIP will only be accepted prior to Regional Council approval of a conformity analysis. Other projects may be added to the Draft TIP at any time prior to the adoption of the Draft TIP by the Regional Council in June or July.

5. Representation on the MAG Enhancement Funds Working Group

Dawn Coomer of MAG gave a brief presentation concerning the MAG Enhancement Funds Working Group. She noted that MAG had developed a process for screening applications for Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds from the MAG region, that this process involved a committee that evaluates project proposals and then forwards them to a State committee for final selection. Ms. Coomer strongly encouraged the members to take part in the Working Group and submit projects for Transportation Enhancement Funds.

The Chairman noted that he had been a member of the Working Group the previous year and had found it very worthwhile experience. He encouraged members of the Committee to take part in the activities of the Working Group.

6. Report on the Status of Federally Funded Projects Programmed for Fiscal Years 2001 through 2003 and the Federal Fund Balances

Stephen Tate briefly reported on the status of federally funded projects programmed for FY 2001 through 2003. In particular he identified projects that were expected to be deferred from FY 2001 to FY 2002.

The Chairman indicated that he had two dirt road paving projects scheduled for FY 2001 that the City of Glendale had already begun work on with their own funds and he requested information on the possibility of receiving a reimbursement from federal funds allocated, but not yet obligated for the project.

Chuck Hydeman expressed concern over the lead time required to obligate federally funded projects. He suggested that it might be better to use the auspices of Maricopa County to obligate federally funded projects. Chris Plumb answered that it may be possible for this process to happen but that the County

would most likely have to charge additional funds for the additional work involved and that each project would have to be considered on a case by case basis.

7. Closeout of the Federal Fiscal Year 2001

The Chairman briefly reported that the FY 2001 closeout process is underway and stressed that members should be looking for projects that they could accelerate to take advantage of all available federal funding. Mr. Tate reminded the Committee that the deadline for submitting applications to accelerate federally funded projects is, tentatively, March 23, 2001.

8. Report on the Status of the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

This item had been covered by Mr. Ward during the Programming Manager's report.

9. HPMS Section Data Update

Mr. Tate indicated that he would not be able to distribute at this time the data and software necessary for member agencies to update their HPMS section data as ADOT staff was still working on the HPMS section data. He indicated that he would try to make the data available on the internet as soon as he could. Mr. Tate also reminded members that updates of local street mileage were due and that he had received updated estimates from only Phoenix and Mesa.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.